to do and let him know.

Will ask Prest. Smith when you will be able to come home and suppose he will let you know tho as he knows where you are. Bro. Roberts[44] has just come in and taken the chair.

Give my love to M [Avery]. How is the house progressing?

I will close now with my heart's best love to you

I am Yours as ever,
Helen.

[Letter 81: Owen to Avery]

[*no letterhead, handwritten*]

Ciudad Juarez
May 7th 04

Dear Avery÷

We arrived here all well last evening, tho we had a very hot, dusty trip. We expect to go on this morning. Both Helen and I did not realize how much anxiety we would have about you all until we got started and then we became aware of the fact that two or three weeks would be a long time for a Mama to leave her little babies.[45]

We hope you will try and write very often and say just how all is going at home.

Please tell Bro. Romney I did not get a chance to see him and make a partial settlement with him but will do so when I return. I wish dear if you hear anything about the $500.00 which your father spoke to us about you would write to me here c/o Isaac W. Pierce so I can get it on my return for if we do not get this money as expected I will have to make arrangements to borrow it before I can settle with Bro. Romney. If it is so we can use it it should be deposited to my credit in the State Bank the same as the $200.00 which came from Uncles.

I wish I knew now what our program would be so that if we are to remain long I could get some things to help fix up with while in the City. There may be some word for me here on my return.

I hope you will be carefull and not try to do much work until you get your usual strength back. Be carefull of the babies and keep them from harm. I hope all will be well with little baby Ruth & her Mama and all the babies. God bless and preserve you from all harm.

With love and prayers for you I am,

Affectionately
Ivan

Our address will be: 5a Humboldt No. 50, Mexico D.F.